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GILL FINDS WAY OUT OF MARSH AS SEARCH IS ON

Parents Slain, Child Cooped in Death House

SHORT STORIES

Facts With Frills, Facetious and Otherwise. By "S. S."

Our daily query: Is a basketball necessarily out of bounds if it won't bounce?

"Too bad we can't burn the kind of gas that flows at these city meetings," observes Old Man Beach.

Here are our Christmas odds: 1 to 10 on a white Christmas; 2 to 1 on a wet Christmas and 5 to 1 on a sloppy Christmas.

Ray Jordan saw an auctioneer's red flag in front of a Procter street jewelry store and thought the United States was in danger.

A motor boat on Procter to tow the stalled flivvers Monday night would have cleaned up, a motorist friend opined to S. S. today.

It is feared in the city water department that City Father Poteet will ship 20 pounds of rock back from Galveston C. O. D.

H. C. Sport is the latest of the fire boys to join the ranks of the Benedictines. Only two of the Lueb at Central fire station now remain single, it is reported.

The sight of George M. Sims on Procter street Saturday night at 9:30 has led friends to fear George is dissipating, they declared today. His bedtime is 9 o'clock, they say.

K. E. Warren, street superintendent, fashioned buttons out of cardboard today when he found the button holes on his shirt had stretched beyond the circumference of the regular variety.

S. S. is unreliably informed by a North End citizen that Orange is protesting against high buildings being erected in the Jefferson county capital. "They complain that they can't see the sun set," declares the North Ender.

Again has a Texas-born rated as one of the greatest football players of the season and the East's greatest player—Eddie Kaw of Cornell whose home is at Houston and who is referred to by Eastern sport writers as the "untamed Texas maverick."

The mammoth ditch digging machine which is now at work on the streets is causing a lot of comment among those who have never seen one before. One ex-doughboy was heard to remark that his work in France would have been considerably lightened if he had taken one along with him to dig trenches with.

"This line that some of the old-timers are putting out about the rain last night being a mere perspiration compared to one back in the '80's," is all bunk," declares Old Man Beach. "There ain't no one ever saw a harder rain than that one last night," continued the old man, "unless it was Noah and I don't believe it rained harder in his time—only longer."

DROP SUBSIDY

Farm Legislation to Occupy Senators

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The ship subsidy bill will be dropped by the senate in favor of farm relief legislation within a week, democratic leaders and republican insurgents claimed today.

A poll of the upper house conducted by the insurgents shows fifty votes favorable to displacing the shipping measure with farm credits legislation, it was maintained.

CUTHRELL CRITICALLY ILL, FOLLOWING STROKE

A. Y. Cuthrell, formerly manager of the Heisig-Norvell company, is critically ill at his home, 2400 Procter street, it was reported today. Mr. Cuthrell has been in poor health for some time, it is said, and was stricken with paralysis about 11 o'clock Monday night.

COLD WAVE

LOCAL FORECAST: Tonight partly cloudy, colder with cold wave; lowest temperature, 32 to 38. Wednesday cloudy, continued cold.

EAST TEXAS: Tonight fair; colder with cold wave, except in extreme northwest portion; temperature 18 to 24 in north portion, 24 to 32 over the interior of south portion, and 34 to 38 in coast region. Wednesday cloudy, not so cold in northwest portion.

WINDS ON TEXAS COAST: Fresh to strong northerly tonight, subsiding Wednesday.

Maximum temperature, 69; minimum temperature, 62; precipitation, 3.72 inches. Year Ago Today: Maximum temperature, 71; minimum temperature, 48.

Sunset this evening 5:15 p. m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:03 a. m.

TIDE RECORD

Time of high and low water at Sabine Pass Light under normal conditions on Wednesday, December 13; taken from tables prepared by the United States geodetic survey:

High tides .... 11:27 a. m. 11:49 p. m.
Low tides ..... 5:02 a. m. 5:09 p. m.

LOGAN BELIEVES CITY HELPLESS

50-Year Contract in Gas Issue "Death's Head"

SURVEY ONLY HOPE

And Then Only if It stands in Court

"Contract under which Port Arthur is bound to give the Peoples Gas company a return of 10 per cent on a "fair valuation" of their property was signed before I came into office," declared Mayor Logan Monday, referring to a News account of the franchise changes granted 18 months ago, which promises to hang a high gas rate on Port Arthur for 50 years.

"I wish you would mention that, for otherwise some of these folks around town who have been so generous with their attention to me during the past year or two will begin pointing to it as "another one of Logan's doings," he said.

Learned of It Recently

"As a matter of fact I knew nothing of the existence of the contract until I got into the matter of new gas rates, recently. Like most others here, I had thought that the 85 rate was just a special grant for 18 months and that the old franchise would then govern, making the new rate, I did not know that it amounted to an entirely new franchise with the 10 per cent clause thrown in."

The mayor expressed himself as believing that the city, under the terms of the 1920 ordinance, was helpless in the gas rates, unless a survey by competent and disinterested engineers found the valuation placed by the gas company as below a figure they would agree to, and unless they were able to make such a valuation stick in court.

Tax Rendition $217,000

The mayor is urging such a survey now, and has tentatively engaged Burns & McDonnell as the engineers—subject to the approval of the committee of 18 he has named.

"The necessity of such investment the gas company has in order to carry on their business here—bearing on 'efficiency of operation'—would be an element in such a survey," he declared.

The gas company's tax rendition for the year would be more than enough to support the rate they have agreed to accept if taken as the full value of the property, it is admitted. This is $217,000. The valuation placed by the company on its property is $268,000.

CABLE PROTEST TO GO TO CITY

Menace to Shipping and City, Pilots Maintain

Plans for laying the city's electric power cable, supplying current for the operation of the Pleasure Pier bridge, at the bridge instead of near the hospital, as at present is the case, will be discussed with city officials by the Maritime committee of the Chamber of Commerce soon.

Change Protested.

The change, proposed by the city as a means of saving $10,000 in constructing the new cable, was recently protested by the Sabine pilots as likely to cause damage to ships, and, in case of explosion of a gasoline loaded ship, great damage to the town.

Loaded ships passing down the canal, the pilots pointed out, usually drag their anchors to steady the bow while negotiating the passage of the bridge, offering a big chance that a ship's anchor would pick up and snap the cable if laid at that point—offering the chance for danger from the end of the high tension line coming in contact with the steel sides of the ship. Anchors are practically never dropped at the hospital.

Before Maritime Body.

The matter was referred to the Maritime committee of the organization without discussion by the Chamber of Commerce directors Monday night—directors expressing belief that the committee might help in a solution of the matter. A copy of the pilot's protest, filed with the government harbor engineers, was sent to the Chamber of Commerce.

AUTO IS SMASHED BY TRUCK IN DOWNPOUR

An auto smash during the storm Monday evening was reported to the police by O. L. Malone, police records show. Malone stated his car was hit by a truck of the Phelan-Josey grocery company, driven by a negro, and the front fender, lights, hood and radiator on his car were smashed in the collision.

The record at police headquarters gave the hour of the accident at 5:30 p. m., but did not show where it occurred. Malone, according to the report at police headquarters, gave the truck drive the right of way.

Pt. Arthur's Coldest Weather of the Year Is Forecast Tonight

Coldest weather of the year is promised Port Arthur and this part of Texas for tonight, according to the forecast issued from the local weather office Tuesday. The temperature will drop to 38 or even lower, according to the forecast. The lowest temperature for 1922 to date is 16, made in November.

The prediction, if actually verified by the weather, will mark 1922 December weather as a unique instance of freakishness, for a temperature of 29—on point of the record for high temperature for that month—was recorded at the local office only a day or two ago.

STREETS RIVERS IN RECORD RAIN

Nearly Three Inches in 45-Minute Pour

AUTOS HARD HIT

Stall or Skid: Hundreds Are Halted in Flood

With approximately three inches of rain falling during a period of 45 minutes, Port Arthur downtown streets were flooded Monday afternoon in a manner declared by several long-time residents as never having happened before. Procter street and side streets adjacent ran curb deep in water at the height of the rain, cars refused to start and were stalled at the curbs up and down the streets, and hundreds stood under store awnings, many of them in water on the sidewalk, waiting for the waters to subside rather than walk in water several inches above their shoe tops in making their way home. Many others, however, braved the wet and waded home.

One of the downtown electric light circuits succumbed during the support hour, and several Procter street restaurants, with the street and the business houses up and down the streets were thrown into darkness—at the restaurant's busiest time.

Rain a Record

The rain is believed a record by Ernest Carson, local weather observer, who does not remember since the time he came to the local weather offic of the rain recording needle ever doing such a dance as it did during this rain fall. He is searching the records both before and after the establishment of a weather office here in connection with this. A fairly heavy rain earlier in the day made the total rainfall for the day 3.72 inches—a fair average for an entire month.

The heavy rain started at 5:05 o'clock in the afternoon, and subsided at 5:50, according to the weather office instrument.

Procter a River

From Austin avenue almost to Stil-

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Roundup of Income Tax Dodgers Is Near

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—An extensive roundup of income tax dodgers impends.

With the last quarterly installment of 1921 income and excess profits levies falling due Friday, and the government preparing to pay out a billion dollars in interest on the public debt and other disbursements during the next three days, the treasury is resolved to let no tax payer evade his payments.

FIGHT SUNDAY MAIL CUT HERE

C. of C. to Take Matter Up With Department

Protest against the proposed cutting off of Sunday mails over the Kansas City Southern—to be done by the post office as a measure of economy, and protested because it would cut off four mails for the day at Port Arthur—is to be lodged by the local Chamber of Commerce in connection with the Kansas City Southern and other points on its line.

Local business men regard the four mails—two in and two out—as important, due to the fact that mails from Kansas City and points beyond take this route. Information of the intention of the railroad postal authorities was received in a communication to the local organization from the Kansas City Southern, L. G. Stamp, general manager of the Chamber of Commerce was instructed to frame the organization's objection by the directors, meeting Monday night.

WANAMAKER, 84, DIES OF RELAPSE

Wealthy Chain Store Owner Long Ill

$100 MADE FORTUNE

Held Long Record for His Benefactions

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—John Wanamaker died here today. He was 84 years old.

Wanamaker, founder of the stores bearing his name in New York and Philadelphia and former postmaster general, had been ill for several weeks.

Within the last few days, however, he took a turn for the better and the end came suddenly after a relapse.

Worked for $1.50 Weekly

Wanamaker, one of the merchant pioneers of America, was born July 11, 1838, in the county of Philadelphia, a little more than 17 years before its consolidation into the city. His father, John Nelson Wanamaker, was a bricklayer, and his grandfather was a farmer. Their ancestors came to America at the time of the landing of William Penn. His mother was Elizabeth Kotchersperger, whose ancestors were the Huguenots of France.

Anxious to engage in business, retail clothing store at $1.50 a week. Wanamaker obtained a position in a from which he saved $100. This was the foundation of his fortune.

Active In Social Work

As years advanced Wanamaker became more prominent and he widened his mercantile operations. Outside of business pursuits, he engaged in religious and social work. He organized the famous Bethany Sunday school with 37 members and it now numbers more than 3,000. He was one of the originators of the "Christian commission" during the Civil war and was chairman of the general relief committee during the Irish famine. In 1888 he took an active part in the political campaign and was finally prevailed upon to accept the position of postmaster general in President Harrison's cabinet.

3 OF 8 CONCRETE PILES HOISTED FROM CANAL

Three of eight known concrete piles carried into the canal by a ship collision several months ago have been hoisted ours, it was stated today by M. C. Erwin, city engineer, and the 35-ton concrete beam, in which some of the remaining piles are embedded, will probably be pulled out of the canal within the next few days, the city engineer said.

NOT "TIGRESS"

Woman Disclaims She Is Clara Phillips

CASPER, Wyo., Dec. 12.—Denying that she was Clara Phillips, "hammer murderess," was made in jail here today by the woman who was arrested last night suspected of being Mrs. Phillips.

The woman said her name was Beatrice Craig and that she was in Casper looking for work. Efforts to connect her with the "tiger woman" are outrageous," she declared. She said her home was in Kirby, Wyoming.

Police today were inclined to believe the woman's story, although she will be held pending investigation.

FRANCK ANNOUNCES DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

Sunday school and parish matters of St. George's Episcopal church will be discussed following a brief devotional service to be held Wednesday night at 7:15, according to an announcement by Rev. L. B. Franck, rector. All who are interested in church or Sunday school matters are urged to attend.

POSTPONED

Jury Lacking in Ryan Murder Case

The trial of Mrs. Martha Hazel Ryan under indictment on a charge of murder in connection with the shoot of her husband, Dan Ryan, former Port Arthur man, in Houston last July, was continued until the next term of court, it was learned here today.

Continuance of the case was made necessary by delay in obtaining a jury.

AUSTIN HAS NORTHER

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 12. — A norther has been blowing here since 7 o'clock this morning. Indications are that this section will tonight have the coldest weather of the season.

DEAD



JOHN WANAMAKER

MISSING FLYERS BELIEVED DEAD

Search Is Continued Over Portion of Mexico

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 12.—American airplanes searched an area extending 80 miles into the state of Sonora, Mexico, for Colonel Francis Marshall and Lieutenant Charles L. Webber, aviators who have been missing since last Thursday.

Search was directed into Mexico following receipt of permission from President Obregon and Governor Elias of Sonora for the planes to fly across the border.

The only hope for the missing men now is the possibility that they landed in the wilds of Sonora and have subsisted on vegetation found there, according to officers here.

Planes were also searching the Santa Rita mountains of Arizona. If the plane was forced down in the mountains there is practically no chance of its occupants being alive, it was said.

Colonel E. B. Winans, who has been directing the search from Tucson, Ariz., today moved his headquarters to Nogales.

Submit Regulation For C. of C. Election At Session Tonight

Special regulations adopted by the Chamber of Commerce board Monday night for the organization's election in January will be submitted for approval to the membership meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms tonight.

Quick declaration of the results of the election and the immediate induction into office of the new directors and officers are provided for in one of the proposed regulations. The election will be on January 2, and the result will be canvassed and declared by the old board on the night of January 4—followed immediately by the meeting of the new board and the election of the new officers.

44 INJURED IN TROLLEY WRECK

High Speed Cars Collide; Signals Blamed

PLEASANTVILLE, N. J., Dec. 12.—Forty four persons were injured, five seriously when two trolley cars operating between Atlantic City and Absecon, crashed into each other, in a heavy fog here today.

The injured were all rushed to the Atlantic City hospital.

The cars were traveling at high speed. Failure of the motorman to see signal lights is believed responsible for the accident.

PROMINENT KNIGHT TEMPLAR IS DEAD

BROWNWOOD, Texas, Dec. 12.—P. C. Yantis, grand commander, Knights Templar of Texas, was dead at his home here today.

Yantis, prominent in Masonic and church circles in Texas succumbed to an attack of heart trouble early yesterday morning.

FOUR KILLED IN GAS EXPLOSION AT COLLIERY

WILKES BARRE, Pa., Dec. 12.—Four men are dead as the result of a gas explosion in the Sugar Notch colliery of the Lehigh and Wilkes Barre company, near here.

TINY TOT FIVE DAYS WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER

Blood Covered Hatchet Is Found in Kitchen

ROBBERY MOTIVE

Diamond Necklace Abandoned by Slayers

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 12—Cooped in an isolated farm house for five days with two corpses and gruesome evidences of a brutal murder, a 3-year-old child was discovered today exhausted from lack of food and suffering from the cold.

Neighbors, alarmed at the long absence of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Shaffer, wealthy farmers living near Middletown, went to the home.

Child's Cries Heard

The cry of the child, a nephew of the Shaffers, greeted them faintly. In the bed they found Mrs. Shaffer, her skull crushed. Nearby was the corpse of Shaffer, his head also split open.

Lying in the kitchen was a blood-covered hatchet and scattered about were a purse turned wrong-side out, a diamond necklace, and other jewelry abandoned by the murderers in their flight. Robbery was the motive for the killing.

The child's clothing was stained with blood and the walls were bespattered. The child had eaten some morsels from the kitchen cabinet and had a little water from a bucket.

LINE WILL BOOST DELIVERY HERE

Transmarine Service Soon to Have "Car Door" Rate

Port Arthur merchants and wholesalers will have the same benefit from the new Transmarine line steamship service as is enjoyed by business men at Galveston and New Orleans, according to J. L. Boyd, the agent of the line. The company soon expects to be in a position to announce a "car door" delivery rate which will include the transportation of the merchandise by sea to Port Arthur and its delivery on the team track or to the warehouse of the Kansas City Southern here. In addition to that, the company expects soon to have a practicable road to the docks which will enable local business houses to take advantage of warehouse delivery under the port to port rate at the docks.

The combination rate to the city, one of the details not worked out yet, has been a matter of considerable interest to local shippers who were contemplating using the new line before the completion of the roadway to permit trucking from the K. C. S. docks. Mr. Boyd has started the organization of his local force, having opened the line's office Monday in the offices formerly used by W. H. Richardson and C. E. Dunstan in the First National Bank building.

RAINED OUT

Citizens Gas Committee to Meet Tomorrow

Rained out in their scheduled organization meeting Monday night, the committee of 18 recently named by Mayor Logan as an advisory board in dealing with the gas rate question will meet Wednesday night at 7:30 at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. At this time a full discussion of the problem will be held, and the mayor will ask the committee for advice and assistance in working out the city's end of the problem—one feature of which is involved in the employment of competent and disinterested engineers to make a fair appraisal of the company's property.

SMALL CRAFT FLAGS HOISTED ALONG COAST

Small craft warnings were hoisted here Tuesday on instructions for their display received at the local weather office from the New Orleans office. The warnings are to be displayed along the whole Texas coast.

A. A. KJAR TO ADDRESS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A special called meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held Wednesday night at 8 o'clock to hear an address by Albert A. Kjar, supreme agent, on the interests of the order, officials of the local K. of C. organization announced. This meeting will take the place of the regular Thursday night meeting, it was said.

WORD CONTESTS ABETTING VICE

Police Chief Declares He Has Not Enough Men

DEMANDS PROOF

Pastors Promise Aid in Move to Finance Larger Force

Presence of vice, bootleg saloons on principal streets, and gambling games were admitted by Mayor Logan and Chief Word for city officials Monday afternoon when members of the Ministerial association met with the commission to tell them of vice prevailing here, and the reports that had come to them of the share the police had in it.

Any part that the police might have in the condition was vigorously contested by Chief of Police Word and Mayor Logan, the latter speaking as both head of the commission and as police commissioner. Mayor Logan pointed out how easy it was to make such charges, how unconvincing a denial, the only possible reply—and that the only name by the ministers used, as being at liberty to do so, was that of a man who had frequently been in police court, and was not very friendly to the police.

Letters Threaten Police

A similar idea had been previously expressed by the chief of police, who declared that a "bit dog usually howls" and who told of receipt of anonymous and threatening letters by the police. Both the mayor and the chief urged any citizen in the possession of proof on that score to present it, the chief promising to deal by any such officer as he would expect to be dealt with if this were true of him, and the mayor declaring that if such were the case, the commission wanted to know it.

Force Inadequate

Inadequacy of the Port Arthur police force, declared on account of financial limitations of the city to be from half to less than two-thirds of that required for interior towns of its size, inadequacy and limitations of Texas laws, and the lack of a court of higher jurisdiction in Port Arthur, which prevents efficient pushing of cases appealed, were blamed for the little headway made by the local police force—to which was added a reading of the record which the force had made by Chief Word—over 1,000 arrests and cases in police court or higher in four months, and nearly 400 raids in a little more than five.

Volunteer policemen, "dollar-a-year-men" from each block, with a prize to the one doing the most effective work, were suggested by Judge L. E. Rose, who with several others offered to give prizes for the most effective work, but nothing tangible was done in this direction.

Pastors Pledge Aid

The ministers promised support in

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PRODUCE FACTS, SELL PT. ARTHUR

Crawford Brings Slogan to Y. M. B. L. Luncheon

Facts about Port Arthur should be known by Port Arthur people in order that the town may be "sold" to the outside world, said President W. C. Crawford, addressing the Y. M. B. L. at its noon meeting today.

"There are enough good things about the town that are so unusual that we not only ought to know them, but the outside of the world as well," he declared.

Crawford urged the appointment of a committee to collect these facts, print them in pamphlet form and prepare them for distribution in various ways. It was suggested by some that the information be put in such shape that business firms could send a copy with each letter going outside the city.

Much of the information has already been collected by the advertising committee of the Chamber of Commerce and this may form the basis for work by the Y. M. B. L. committee.

FATALLY SHOT

Credit Man With $50,000 Resisted Bandits

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 12. — William Henry, credit manager of the Drovers National Bank, was probably fatally wounded here late today when he resisted bandits.

Henry was shot as he entered the livestock exchange building with a registered package, containing about $50,000. He was attacked by three bandits who followed him into the building.

UNAWARE 200 MEN, 2 PLANES WERE IN SEARCH

Saw or Heard No One While in Swamps

REACHES HIGH ISLAND

Takes Train to Beaumont, Interurban to Pt. Arthur

While searching parties on foot, in cars and boats, and observers in airplanes were scouring the marshes in which he had been lost since Sunday morning, James B. Gill at 2:30 Tuesday walked into his home at 220 East Seventeenth street to greet the wife who was waiting almost without hope for news from the searchers. Gill did not see or hear any of the searching parties who were in the swamp Monday or today.

He had found his way out of the marshes at the White ranch house, six miles from High Island, had taken the morning train to Beaumont, and had come over to Port Arthur on the interurban.

He became lost about 10 o'clock Sunday morning when he attempted to make a short cut back to his hunting companions through the switch cane, which was far over his head. Since that time, with only two or three drinks of the brackish water, and nothing to eat but some raw duck Monday morning, he had been dogged-ly pushing ahead on foot—except for a brief rest when near the point of exhaustion just before daybreak Monday morning—on a muskrat den—and a brief sleep this morning on a bed of grass.

When seen at his home Tuesday afternoon his face and neck were a mass of mottled bumps caused from bites of mosquitoes which nearly drove him mad while in the swamps.

He heard a car just before daybreak Tuesday, and making his way over to where it had been—he could not stop it—he came on the track, which he followed out to the ranch house.

Thinking he was on the Port Arthur-Beach road, he asked a man near the ranch house how far it was to Port Arthur.

"Fellow, it is a darned far piece if you expect to walk it," was the reply. He related his experience to the families at the White ranch, and got his first square meal since an early morning breakfast.

"I know two things," he said, "I am a better man than I thought, and I have more friends in Port Arthur than I ever dreamed of—and for the last particularly I am mighty thankful."

Two airplanes, three motor boats and a searching party of between 300 and 400 citizens are today searching Star lake and surrounding marshes, 30 miles from Port Arthur, for James B. Gill, 330 East Seventeenth street, lost since Sunday morning while hunting near the lake.

The airplanes arrived over the lake between five and six o'clock this morning coming from San Antonio. In response to telegrams sent out Monday night by J. A. Corley, 2460 Fifth street, who was with Gill a short time before he disappeared Sunday morning, and his mother, E. M. Corley.

Gill was last seen by J. A. Corley about 10 o'clock Sunday morning, when he was about 100 yards away. It is reported. About noon Corley and another member of the hunting party called to Gill to join them, as they were going out of the marsh, but they received no reply. Returning into the marsh, the two men hunted for Gill until seven o'clock Sunday evening, when they returned to Port Arthur, leaving word for hunters to keep a look out for him.

Two Planes in Search

When no trace of the missing man was found Monday morning, Corley organized another searching party and summoned airplanes from the army aviation base in San Antonio late Monday evening. All day Monday the marshes were scoured by searching parties going out from Port Arthur, Sabine and Sabine Pass, and again today the search was continued with increased numbers in the searching parties and airplanes and motor boats aiding.

Interest on Victory Bonds Ceases Dec. 15

Interest on Victory bonds, registered or unregistered, numbered A to F, inclusive, will cease December 15, according to word received at the First National bank this morning from the Federal Reserve bank at Dallas.

If you have a bond corresponding to the above description you are asked to turn it in for redemption on or before that date.

PITNEY RETIRES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 — President Harding has signed the joint resolution permitting the retirement of Associate Justice Pitney of the United States supreme court, it was announced today.

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arousing public sentiment to the support of the officers, and offered their help in obtaining money for a larger police force.

Members of the committee making the report of the ministerial association were Rev. William Oeschger, Rev. C. W. Culp and Rev. J. W. Bost, pastors respectively of the First Christian, First Baptist and Nazarene churches.

The ministers repeated substantially the same things that they had reported being told in recent meetings of the Ministerial association, each speaking in turn. Rev. L. B. Franck, rector of the Episcopal church, one of the ministers who dissented from the method pursued by the Ministerial association, also spoke, and he it was who brought Hamlet in. He declared that although a newcomer here, the frequency with which substantial citizens had spoken as they do of conditions had about led him to believe, like Hamlet, that there must be "something rotten in the state of Denmark." He reported a saying common with equally substantial citizens that a man who went on the police force "soon came out with a new automobile and became a property owner," as an indication of the attitude of many the public toward the police.

Rev. Franck declared that he was as much interested as any of the ministers in the suppression of vice—he had simply differed in opinion, as had part of the association, with the majority as to the efficacy of the methods of suppression.

Repeats Statement

Rev. Oeschger, who opened the discussion for the ministers, repeated almost exactly his original statement of conditions in Port Arthur, identifying his "informant" of the previous occasion as Assistant City Attorney White. He declared that relations between the mayor, the chief of police and the Ministerial association had always been cordial. "They have always been ready to meet us on any subject," he said. "'Tell us these things,' has always been their attitude."

Rev Culp declared that his part in the matter—he said that he had been more largely instrumental than any other, he believed, in bringing this about had been through a desire to see conditions here remedied and that he had urged this method in order that officers should be given a chance to attack the condition. He said that many people had complained—he gave an instance of one woman who complained that lewd women in a neighborhood under question were seen in the street, cursing and swearing before her children. He said that he was not able to prove what he said, that if he did have proof he would come out from his pulpit and lead a deputation of citizens to put the guilty officer out of office.

Bost Uncompromising

Rev. Bost declared his uncompromising attitude toward sin wherever it was found. He said that he was always ready to pray with a fallen man or woman—recalling the story of Jesus Christ and the woman who was saved from stoning when He said: "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."

"Conditions here are deplorable, he declared, quoting a convert of his church as declaring that one could get "a million gallons of whisky here." "He may have been in such condition that when he saw the whisky that what he saw looked like a million gallons to him, but at any rate he must have seen a lot," he declared.

Why God doesn't destroy some of the Gulf coast towns even as He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, Rev. Bost said he did not understand. Members of the ministers' committee, in discussing the charges, said that uniformly their informants had asked that their name be not used. They indicated this as one belief that public sentiment was not aroused sufficiently to back the officers.

Weeks Lost In Court

To this Chief Word replied that he believed it more due to fear of losing weeks as witnesses in court than to anything else. He cited the case of Frank Fields, one of the volunteer policemen deputized by Mayor Logan at the beginning of the year, who has spent three days in district court, 17 days in federal court, four days in county court, and who still has three or four cases in which he made arrests to come to trial in county court.

The chief of police discussed at length the difficulties of his department, and the record it had made. He pointed out that it was necessary to "catch a man before you can hang him," that the burden of proof was on the state—to which he added the fact that every man of his force was well known to those whom they wished to catch.

Word Reads Record

He detailed the provisions of the laws as to the specific evidence which must be obtained in order to obtain convictions, discussed the effect of having to follow each case appealed from the city court to Beaumont, where weeks of time were lost to officers and witnesses, often without result, and read the record of his police force, with more than a thousand arrests in four months, resulting in $8,000 in fines and many cases in higher courts, and with 398 raids and searches made by his force of detectives, never more than two, since the middle of June. Every other town and city in Texas answering a questionnaire that he had recently sent them, he declared, reported one policeman to 750 or 1,000 inhabitants. Port Arthur, rated at 30,000 population, has 39, he said—eight patrolmen, half on duty in the day and half at night; three detectives, and seven others, including himself, on fixed posts—chief, identification man, night and day desk sergeant, short call man traffic officer and jailer. He said that he had asked for ten additional men in the budget this year, but lack of city funds had prevented him from getting them. Asked by Rev. C. W. Culp what he could do with 12 more, he declared that he could do wonders. The small force that he has, he said, is often called to work on cases in the Model Addition and the refineries, both outside the city and giving no support to the police department, but the force handles the cases as best it is able, he declared.

FLIRT WITH HUBBY—HE'LL LOVE YOU



MRS. ALICE FOOTE MacDOUGALL

"Flirt with your husband to keep him," advises Mrs. Alice Foote MacDougall.

When the last rice grain has been swept up, Mrs. MacDougall says, the average woman inclines to put courtship's gaiety away and settle down to humdrum housekeeping, thus not only limiting the happiness of her wedded life but actually condemning herself to premature age.

Mrs. MacDougall, at 56, not only is active head of a large wholesale coffee business she founded herself, but mother of three children.

Woman's Biggest Business

"Marriage," she says, "really is a woman's biggest business. It begins, not ends, after the ceremony. Girls neglect no detail that will add to their charms before marriage; afterward they are not always so careful.

"This is a mistake. Marriage is not only a relationship; for the woman, at least, it is a vocation. She should be, and is, her husband's inspiration. A dowdy wife takes the pep and ambition out of a business man.

"If I were running a school for wives I should prescribe five rules:

"1. Study your husband's habits and adapt yourself to them.

Flirt With Him

"2. Flirt with him. Flirtation is man's daily bread and he really likes it better with his wife than another.

"3. Have the same good manners for him, that you have for others.

"4. Put yourself in his place. When things go wrong at the office and he comes home cross, make allowances.

"5. Love him with a sense of humor. After all, he is only a boy who never will stop growing up.

"Of course, these rules ought to be reciprocal, but as the woman is the center of the home it is up to her to take the initiative."

LOAN COMPANIES HELD UNLAWFUL

"Three Per Cent" Concerns Held to Be Lotteries

AUSTIN, Dec. 12.—The attorney general, in an opinion to the commissioner of insurance and banking today, held that certain contracts of cooperative and contract loan companies, commonly known in insurance parlance as "3 per cent companies," are lotteries and are in violation of law. The opinion relates only to four contracts which were submitted to the attorney general.

"A savings and loan scheme operated primarily for the profit of its promoters, whose investment features are negligible; whose chief attraction is the awarding of a loan at a rate of interest which is but a fraction of the market rate for such loans; which loan is awarded upon the happening of various contingencies, and which loan receives a credit, either greater or less than the liability of the concern to the subscriber, according to the time when the loan is unawarded, and which loan is drawn from a fund out of which it receives a certain preference over other obligations of the concern, so combines the elements of prize and chance with consideration as to constitute a lottery," the opinion holds.

It is said a large number of concerns in Texas are affected by the attorney general's ruling.

Building and loan associations are not held to be lotteries, though they award their loans by chance, "the element of chance being absent, and such distribution lawful when the general plan is not of a lottery nature."

LONGVIEW—The members of the family of Charlie Gordon were injured in three falls, all happening within one hour. Gordon fell from a house he was repairing; returning home, he found his wife suffering from a fall down the steps, and a little later his aged mother was injured when she fell through a hole in the yard.



Mrs. M. A. HEATH

Are You A Suffering Woman?

Health is Most Important to You

Dallas, Texas.—"I had serious feminine trouble come on me during the critical time of life and I began to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. After taking five bottles the trouble ceased and never troubled any more. I can with all honesty highly recommend the 'Favorite Prescription' to any woman at that time."—Mrs. M. A. Heath, 4239 Metropolitan Street.

Your health is most important to you. It's easily improved. If you suffer from heat flashes, dizziness, or any of the symptoms common to women at the critical period in life, just ask your nearest druggist for this Prescription of Dr. Pierce's, in tablet or liquid form. Send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., if you wish a trial pkg. and write for free, confidential medical service.—adv.

RED DEMOSTRATION STAGED IN COMMONS

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The "red flag" revolutionary hymn was sung in the lobby of the house of commons today by sixty unemployed who gained entrance by mingling with the members. When they had established themselves in the lobby, the unemployed started a demonstration, demanding work. The police were called and the lobby was cleared by force.

PREMIERS LEAVE LONDON IN HUFF

Diplomats Take Separate Trains From City

LONDON, Dec. 12—Premiers Poincare, Mussolini and Theunis left London today by different trains, thus emphasizing their dissension over the problem of how to collect war reparations from Germany.

The London conference broke up last night when the French stood firmly for armed occupation of the Ruhr valley in Germany. Bonar Law of Britain and Mussolini of Italy, new premiers, were just as strongly against the French policy as their predecessors had been.

France came forward with the same proposal, a movement of troops. The result was the same old collapse.

No Trouble Since

Mrs. James' Statement is Most Convincing Evidence

When Mrs. James endorsed Doan's Kidney Pills she told of having received complete relief. Now Mrs. James tells how years have passed without any return of kidney trouble. Results that last are results that count. Port Arthur people should gain by the experience of Mrs. W. L. James, 1927 Fifth St., Port Arthur. She says: "My back was so lame and sore, I could hardly get around the house. My kidneys didn't act right at all. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised in the paper and bought some at the Corner Drug Store. They entirely cured the trouble and I have never had a return attack. I have used Doan's Kidney Pills occasionally as a preventive."

FOUR YEARS LATER, Mrs. James said: "I have had no return of kidney complaint since Doan's Kidney Pills cured me. I am always glad to recommend this remedy to other kidney sufferers."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. James had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.—adv.

SMOKE SCREEN, RALSTON SAYS

Instigators of Daugherty Prosecution Known

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Hearings in the Daugherty impeachment proceedings started today before the house judiciary committee with counsel for Attorney General Daugherty demanding the identity of the persons "behind this thing."

"What we want to know at the start," declared former Congressman Paul Howland of Cleveland, representing Daugherty, "who is behind Representative Keller in this impeachment resolution? He is said in the record that he was aided in the preparation of his charges by certain other persons. Now we want to hear who these persons are."

"The attorney general and his friends are trying at the outset to throw up a smoke screen," declared Attorney Jackson H. Ralston, for Keller.

"The question of who is interested with Mr. Keller in this matter is not pertinent at this time."

Orders to do so by the committee, Ralston finally said he helped Keller and he thought Samuel Untermyer of New York aided.

The committee then grilled Ralston as to his connection, asking who was paying him.

"I was asked by President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor to prepare certain of the charges," said Ralston, "and nothing was said about compensation."

"Then you represent the American Federation of Labor and Gompers?" said Chairman Volstead.

"Yes, I am their counsel," replied Ralston, "but I am appearing in this case for Mr. Keller."

ASK STOCK INCREASE

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 12.—Amendment to charter of Gardner Park Amusement Company, Dallas, filed today increase capital stock from $150,000 to $185,000. The Interscholastic League of America, headquarters at Austin, filed amendment to its charter changing name to Interscholastic Citizenship League of America.

U. S. SEEKS TO HELP EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The American government is actively trying to bring about an adjustment of the serious European situation, it was declared on high authority at the White House today.

This statement was made following the revelation that President Harding and his cabinet at their meeting today had an extended discussion on old world affairs. This discussion involved the failure of the London conference of European premiers. A satisfactory adjustment of most pressing problems abroad including the German reparations difficulty, is a most vital need to the world, the administration official said.

STREETS RIVERS IN RECORD RAIN

(Continued From Page 1)

well boulevard, Procter street, assumed the appearance of a river, the water covering the street from curb to curb and even lapping over the sidewalks and up to the doors of business establishments. Passing automobiles sent miniature surfs rolling in from the street to break over the sidewalks in waves.

The journey into town of Gulf Refinery employes, who are having to detour along the top of the storm levee embankment because of the paving work on West Seventh street, was hazardous in the extreme.

The heavy traffic on the narrow, slippery road, flanked on each side with a deep ditch, made the ride through the downpour Monday a hair-raising experience, it was declared last night.

Autos Stalled

One car went down the side of the storm levee, turned over and was wrecked, but its occupants escaped without serious injury. Another car stuck after skidding off the levee road, but did not turn over, it was stated.

Wrecker Called

Twenty calls to start stalled automobiles throughout the city and three calls for the wrecker to pull out stalled cars were reported this morning by Johnny Johnson, garage man. One of the automobiles requiring the wrecker bogged up on Houston avenue, torn up with storm sewer and car track excavation, and the other stuck in the soft back fill over the storm sewer laid recently on San Antonio avenue, Johnson declared.

A car landing front foremost in a water-filled ditch on one of the back streets, brought out the wrecker for the third time Monday night, Johnson said.

Practically an all-night vigil on the city's drainage pumps, storm sewers, streets and bridges, was maintained by H. H. Fisher, water superintendent, K. E. Warren, superintendent of the streets and bridges, and M. C. Erwin, city engineer. Three drainage pumps were stopped when the power plant went out of commission for a few minutes, but otherwise the drainage system functioned all night.

SHIP MOVEMENT NEARING NORMAL

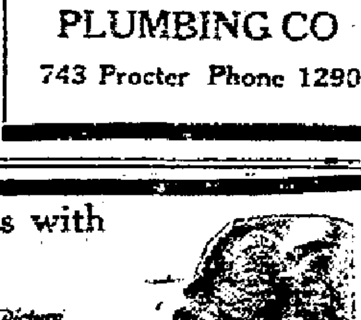
Record Shows 51 Arrivals, 49 Departures

Shipping movements in and out of Port Arthur and other ports of the Sabine district after a several-weeks slump, came back to near normal for the week ending with last Saturday, the weekly report of the local health office shows, the total of ship movements being 100 for the week. One record shows 51 arrivals and 49 departures. Fourteen of the departures were for foreign ports, as instanced by the number of bills of health issued. In this item the local office is back to its usual number with 12 clean and one unclean bills issued, while Beaumont, which has been issuing three and four for a week or two, dropped one below its normal, with only one bill reported.

$1,000 IN DAMAGES FOR INJURED GLAND

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Lorene Caidwell, 23 years old, today won $1,000 because of her enormous gland.

She contended an injury to the gland in an automobile accident was responsible for her present weight—320 pounds—a gain of 102 pounds in two years.



Every Housewife Loves a Good Kitchen Sink

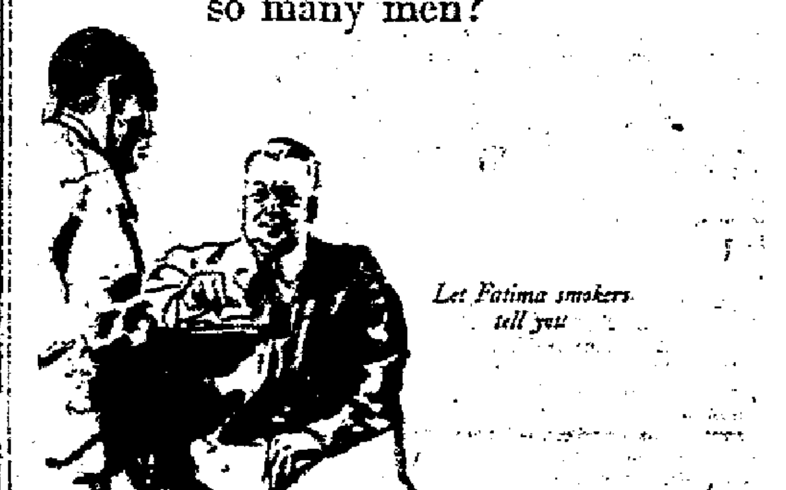
Most of the housewife's work is in the kitchen. If it is unpleasant it can usually be traced to the plumbing.

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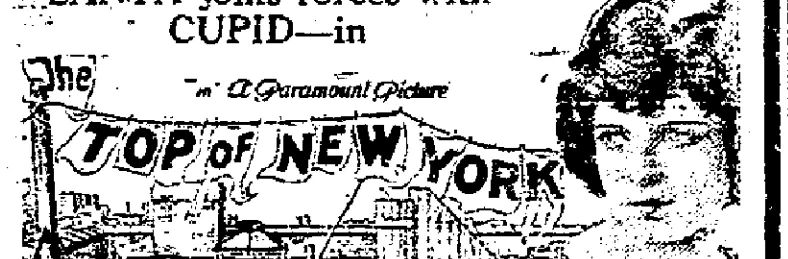
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Ties in boxes 75c up
Sox 25c up
Brush Set $3.95 up
Garter Set 75c up
Supporters 25c up
Belt and Belt Buckle $1.44 up

FOR MI-LADY
Handkerchiefs per box 49c up
Sweater $3.95 up
Silk Undies $1.98 up
Furs $8.95 up
Coats $10 up
Suits $12.95 up
Silk Hose 98c up
Toilet Set $6.95 up

—FOR BOYS
Ties 75c up
Blouses 75c up
Suits $6.95 up
Hose 35c up
Pants 98c up

$2.49 Beautiful Sewing Basket $1.98
An imported sewing basket; top, lid, fitted with silk poplin; has a draw string to gather the top together with. Assorted shapes and styles.

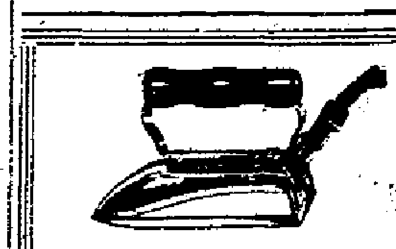
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STATE TO PROBE ROAD LETTING

Highway Commission Will Visit Beaumont Thursday

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 12. — Launching an investigation into action of the Jefferson county commissioners who awarded road contracts to a high bidder involving nearly $1,000,000, the State Highway Commission will send a representative here to make a personal investigation after which the body will go into the matter in detail at their next session, Dec. 18.

This was the belief expressed here today following receipt of telegraphic dispatches from J. D. Feuntleroy, a member of the highway commission, who declared that he would be here Thursday and that Jefferson county citizens should appear before the commission at its next meeting and lay before them an outline of the activities of the county commissioners in handling road work contracts.

Quinn to Attend

B. E. Quinn, representative from Jefferson county, with a number of other Beaumonters, will go to the meeting in Austin, he declared today.

Action of the Highway commission resulted from a formal protest lodged Saturday night when a blueprint showing the various road bids was made public. The roads over which the controversy exists are the Beaumont-Houston highway from Amelia to the Liberty county line and the Voth road, both of which will be paved.

Highest Bid Accepted

Potts & Prentice, of Waco, bid $749,749.65 for the total work. Deducting cost of the sand cushion, $130,547.71, would leave $737,627.36, which is the lowest bid. The concern bid on a concrete road.

The Uvalde Rock Asphalt company bid on a sheet asphalt road, their bid being $873,409.04. Deducting from this the cost of the sand cushion, $130,547.71, makes their bid $842,861.33.

Smith Brothers' bid came to $808,621.42, the highest of the four that were made. Bidding on the whole job, they asked $963,040.95. Deducting from this $7,415.53, cost of the sand cushion, leaves the bid $808,621.42.

The Uvalde Rock Asphalt company bid $913,082.27 on a rock asphalt road. Their bid for the sand cushion was $30,547.71. Deducting this, which is not necessary, according to Smythe, left the bid at $882,534.56.

The accepted bid of the Smith concern is $55,706.02 higher than that of the next bidder. It is higher by $80,994.06 than the lowest bidder mentioned in the tabulation of bids blueprinted by County Engineer A. C. Lard.

SINCLAIR PLANT TO BE ENLARGED SOON

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 12.—Enlargement of the Sinclair Refinery plant at Sinco, on the Houston ship channel, is understood here to be about to be announced. While the local office has been notified of no definite plans, officials say they expect the work to be under way early in 1923.

Storage, refining and shipping facilities at Sinco would be enlarged. The plant is already one of the largest in the United States.

Open weather in the North is permitting the Sinclair interests to rush work on new pipe lines and refinery enlargements at Chicago. When bitter weather sets in up there, the force will be sent to Texas, it is understood, to complete the Mexia-Houston pipe line extension, now some 15 miles south of Mexia. The survey has been made to Sinco and a small force is now laying the pipe.

ASTORIA RECOVERING

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 12.—Astoria concentrated on "digging out" today. Complete relief measures for fire sufferers were well in hand and nobody was hungry today or shelterless. Distribution of food and provisions sent here from Portland and other cities has been systematized and the work of salvage is under way.

BANDITS MAKE BIG HAUL IN HARRISBURG

HARRISBURG, Penn., Dec. 12.—Bandits overpowered watchman, dynamited three safes and escaped with cash, furs and silks, valued at $25,000 from the department store of Bowman and company here last night.

A Place to Eat For Busy Business Men

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SCHEDULE OF AMUSEMENTS TUESDAY

Peoples: "On the High Seas," starring Dorothy Dalton and Jack Holt.
Strand: "Men of Zanzibar," starring William Russell; and Whiz Bang Revue in "Pardin Me."
Pearce: May McAvoy featured in "Top of New York."
Green Tree: "The Cradle."
Liberty: Frank Mayo starring in "Afraid to Fight."

WEDNESDAY

Peoples: Wanda Hawley and Milton Sills starred in "Burning Sands."
Strand: Whiz Bang Revue presents "Officer 666"; and Ethel Clayton in "The Cradle."
Pearce: May McAvoy starring in "The Top of New York."
Green Tree: "On the High Seas," featuring Dorothy Dalton.
Liberty: Frank Mayo featured in "Afraid to Fight."

EXCELLENT CAST

Soft nights on the desert, the gay life of Cairo, dark skins and white, love and intrigue, mingle in "Burning Sands," George Melford's new Paramount special production featuring Milton Sills, Wanda Hawley, Robert Cain and Jacqueline Logan. It has the atmosphere and charm of "The Sheik," featuring Rodolph Valentino and Agnes Ayres, which was Mr. Melford's creation for the screen, but an entirely new set of characters and situations. Wanda Hawley, the screen's prettiest blonde, has been seen in such productions as "The House Jazz Built," "Bobbed Hair," and with Dorothy Dalton recently in "The Woman Who Walked Alone."

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PREVAILS

There's a bit of everything for everybody in "The Top of New York," which opened at the Pearce theater today for a two-day run with May McAvoy.

There is wonderful "kid" appeal in the huge toy shop with its thousands of toys and the appearance of May McAvoy as an animated doll, to the delight of the Christmas shoppers.

There are thrills a-plenty in the scenes where the heroine is saved from committing suicide—and a rousing fight between Edward Cecil and Walter McGrail.

There is comedy relief by the Irish characters impersonated by Carrie Clark Ward and Arthur Hoyt.

There's real pathos and drama revolving about the Christmas rush in the toy department and the home experiences of the little sales girl who makes such a plucky fight for the happiness of her crippled brother.

OFFICER 666

A musical comedy adaptation from the Broadway success will greet patrons of the Strand theater, opening Wednesday night.

INTERESTING STORY

If it is possible to combine fast moving action and "something to think about," it's done in "Afraid to Fight," the Universal attraction in which Frank Mayo stars at the Liberty theater.

It is a story of the prize-fighting world, but an attempt has been made to mix physical blows with mental punches. Every point in the story illustrates something about the soul of a man laboring under the stigma of cowardice.

The big "kick" in the story comes when he has to take a horsewhipping from an enemy in front of the girl he loves, because he is bound by his word of honor not to fight.

He appears in the story as a World war veteran with gas-infected lungs. He has a mother and little sister to support and no job, and in addition, the kid sis needs an operation at once to put her on her crippled feet.

STOP THAT ITCHING

There is a lot of skin trouble among school children this winter. We will sell you a jar of Blue Star on a guarantee for Itch, Eczema, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ringworm, Old Sores and Sores on School Children. Will not stain clothing and has a pleasant odor. Corner Drug Store, Port Arthur, Texas—ads.

Pursued by Traffic Cop, Houston Man Thought Him Yegg

EAGLE LAKE, Texas, Dec. 12—Eagle Lake has a traffic ordinance which is being strictly enforced, and J. B. Clapp, local traffic officer, is having some lively experiences. Yesterday he brought before the mayor a well known Houston business man charged as "the wickedest speeder he had encountered." When the speeder noticed he was being pursued he stepped on the gas, and several miles were covered before he was overtaken.

When brought back to town and before the mayor, the Houston man admitted that he was running "pretty hard," at the same time taking a wallet from his pocket and exhibiting to the mayor three $1,000 bills and a check that would have made a handsome deposit in any bank.

"But, your honor," he said "the only reason I didn't go faster was because I was getting all my car would make, for I thought I was being pursued by a highwayman."

The mayor believed this sufficiently to excuse him.

MINISTER IN JAIL

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 10—The mysterious "disappearance" of Rev. Orrald Bullen, 42 years old, in charge of the Congregational parishes at Grand March, Brooks and New Chester, Wis., who was reported missing from this city on October 18, was solved today, according to the police. He was found to be serving a 90-day sentence at the house of correction on a charge of vagrancy.

EMPLOYMENT RALLIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12—An increase in employment over the country in November greater than during any month since January is shown in reports to the United States employment service. In making public a summary of the reports today the service said a further expansion was prevented only by inadequate rail transportation for commodities.

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ARMY REMNANTS AGAIN ON MOVE

Baron Wrangel's Refugees Without Country

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The miserable remnant of Baron Wrangel's "white army" that once hoped to capture Russia, must beat another retreat, this time from its temporary sanctuary in Constantinople.

British authorities in that city have been requested by the league of nations to provide transport, to neighboring countries for the Russian refugees, so that all can be evacuated with out delay, if such a move becomes necessary.

The status of the stranded Russians in Turkey is decidedly a precarious one. Standing in the position of the "men without a country," inasmuch as they lack the protection of any established government, they have been dependnt upon the American Relif administration for their food supplies. The possibility that, under the new situation, they might fall into the hands of the Turks has left these people in a panic.

Offers of relief have come from Bulgaria and Serbia, who have agreed to take 5,000 refugees apiece. Base camps will probably be established at Cattaro, on the Adriatic, and Varna, on the Black sea.

There the Russians will wait until arrangements for their permanent employment are completed, and it is possible that the A. R. A. will continue its responsibility for their maintenance with funds provided by the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial.

Foodstuff prices in Constantinople are soaring, due to the drop in exchange value of the Turkish pound and the economic situation, according to advices here, is daily becoming more serious.

Experience is fine. But a man with a wild son in college should get wholesale rates.

Big Production Is Exected in Kosse Field During Month

KOSSE, Texas, Dec. 12.—Between now and January 1, some big production is expected in the Kosse field. The Humphreys-Bassett, which is the deep test of the field, is making good progress at 4,290 feet. If the pay is not reached at 4,600 feet, the test is to be plugged back to one of the higher levels where an oil and gas showing was encountered.

The Allen, at 3,892 feet, has just finished a fishing job and this Humphreys well will not be drilled to the depth of the Bassett. The Humphreys-Jones, the discovery well, is being swabbed and another outbreak of gas and oil is expected.

FOOD COSTS UP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Retail food costs increased from 1 to 10 per cent in 10 of 21 representative cities over the country, during the month ended November 15, says a review issued today by the department of labor.

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Deutser's

The Christmas Store

The joyous Christmas season is upon us, you feel it when you look at such wonderful Christmas gift things as we are now displaying, you feel it in the air, and why not—just ten more shopping days remain, and in that short period you must summon all your wits to select a reminder for some, a costly gift for others. Again you feel the spirit of Christmas when you mingle with the Christmas crowds at Goldberg's, every one busy checking off gift lists. Truly, the joyous Christmas season is upon us.

For The Home

Fancy bath towels in gold, rose, pink, blue and white, also in rose and purple combinations, 50c, 75c and up to $1.50.

Bath mats in rose, blue and white, whose size vary with the price, 75c, $1.00 and up to $2.50.

Pure linen sets, pattern cloths at $13.50, $16.50 and up to $25, and napkins to match, priced $10.00 to $18.50 the dozen.

Pure linen damask or the yard $2.50 and $3.50, napkins to match at $7.50 to $9.50 the dozen.

White marseilles bed spreads $1x90 and larger, priced $5.00, $6.50, $7.50, $8.50 and $10.00.

Handkerchiefs

Always acceptable at Christmas times, the inexpensive gift.

Embroidered batiste handkerchiefs at 15c each.

Line lawn handkerchiefs with embroidered edges and corners, 25c each.

Colored linen handkerchiefs, 35c each with embroidered corners and lace edges.

Pongee handkerchiefs at 35c each, hand drawn threads, all colors.

Hand embroidered linen handkerchiefs, can be had at 50c each.

Madeira handkerchiefs in a wealth of pretty designs, 75c to $2.50 each.

Boxed handkerchiefs for children, three to the box and priced 25c and 35c box.

Hand made lace-edged pure linen handkerchiefs, beautifully embroidered, $2.50 for the box of three.

Collars and Cuffs

Lace collars in white and ecru are priced 50c to $1.25.

Berthas that are entirely new, come at $1.25 to $4.00 and are done in lace and net.

Collar and cuff sets of organdie, embroidered in colors and with colored wool worked in by hand are priced $1.25.

Jewelry Novelties

Indestructible pearls at $12.50, other pearls 98c to $3.50.

Ostrich Fans at $7.50 to $11.50 are seen at their best in turquois, emerald and delft.

Ear Screws, in every color and shape, to carry out the oriental trend in costumes, 59c to $1.98.

Bead necklaces in new and unique designs and colors, 75c to $4.00.

Beads with ear screws to match, $5.50 to $8.50.

Fancy combs, set with brilliant stones of all colors, $1.50 to $12.50.

Bracelets at $3.50 are particularly new, colored amber set in green, yellow and red.

Vanities and vanity mesh bags, silver and gold, $1.00 to $12.50.

Glass, wooden, celluloid and metal novelty gifts for children are as variously priced as they are distinctively designed.

Gloves

Especially Fawnes French kid gloves are desired for Christmas gifts.

White kid gloves, 16 button length, $5.50, $6.00 and $7.50.

Black and brown kid gloves, 12 button length are priced $5.00.

Gauntlet kid gloves in white, black and brown are priced $3.50, $4.50 and $5.00.

Two and three clasp kid gloves in brown, white and black come at the $2.50, $3.00 and $3.50 prices.

Chamoisette gloves, in beaver, sand, oak and mastic are priced $1.25 for the gauntlet glove and $1.75 for the 16 button glove.

Bags and Purses

Bags, box purses and over-night purses, some fitted with ivory sets, $2.98 to $16.50, and shown in patent, pin seal and worked leathers.

Tapestry boxes and bags in beautiful worked designs have silk cord and tassel trimmings, $12.50.

New Taffeta Dresses Arrive

Just in time for holiday wear, these new taffeta dresses bring out the latest conceits in designing, trimming and color. Shown tomorrow for the first time and priced very low at $25 and $27.50.

Sale of Coats

And, too, this is the weather for coats, warm, roomy coats such as we offer, beautifully styled coats such as greet you here at these reductions.

Not a fabric, nor a style, nor a color is amiss, selections just as complete as if you were choosing from stocks at the first of the season.



$16.50 to $22.50 Coats	$10.95	$52.50 to $59.00 Coats	$43.75
$25.00 to $29.50 Coats	$18.95	$89.00 to $98.00 Coats	$76.95
$32.50 to $37.50 Coats	$24.75	$125 to $139 Coats	$87.95

DRESSES REDUCED

You will not allow the Christmas season to overshadow dress purchasing if you will just see the pretty designs we now offer at these striking reductions.

$16.50 to $19.50 Dresses	$10.95
$25.00 to $29.50 Dresses	$16.95
$32.50 to $37.50 Dresses	$18.75
$39.50 to $49.50 Dresses	$32.95
$59.50 to $67.50 Dresses	$43.75
$69.00 to $79.00 Dresses	$54.95

SUITS REDUCED

When such suits as these are offered at these low prices they will soon find their way into the wardrobe of the well dressed woman. Everyone reduced.

$22.50 to $27.50 Suits	$16.75
$29.50 to $35.00 Suits	$19.75
$37.50 to $45.00 Suits	$22.75
$49.50 to $59.00 Suits	$34.75
$65.00 to $69.50 Suits	$46.75
$89.00 to $98.00 Suits	$59.75

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THE PRINTING OF A NEWSPAPER

Every once in a while it becomes the duty of a newspaper to explain itself—not often, to be sure, but often enough to disabuse the mind of the uninformed critic. Let it be said [illegible] that the [illegible] battle with critics. Very often they are a good thing, even though irritating. The fault with most of us, however, is not that we criticise but that our criticisms are not constructive and oftentimes given as the result of [illegible] prejudice. Then, too, the constructive element is lost when the criticism is dissipated by not directing it through or towards the proper channel. We mean by this that the ends would be gained more rapidly should the critic take his criticism direct to the man or institution rather than broadcast it [illegible] that the object of the criticism [illegible]. It seems proper, therefore, that [illegible] explain in these columns [illegible] newspapers in order that [illegible] may have more accurate knowledge [illegible] the future.

A newspaper is the product of human hands and minds. It is neither perfect [illegible] publishers claim perfection [illegible]. They are a manufactured product, begun and completed every twenty-four hours. As nearly as possible it reflects and mirrors the community in which it is published. [illegible] They cannot and will not [illegible] the cause of any [illegible]. It is the business of a newspaper to [illegible] community about it [illegible] in order that the people living therein may have an opportunity to judge for themselves. It is no part of a newspaper's duty to attempt to mold public opinion of a town any more than it is the duty of a parent to mould the character of a child. Both are equally pernicious. A child's character wants not to be moulded but to be encouraged to develop, to enlarge, to express itself in a myriad of beneficial ways. It is the same with public opinion and a newspaper. The newspapers should express it, should interpret it, should strive to understand and portray the forces that are at work producing it.

Most of the product of a newspaper is made up of current events, and to serve the best interests of the [illegible] as a whole, must be printed, uncolored, unbiased and impartial. Since news is spontaneous it cannot be controlled. It must be printed as it occurs, regardless of whom it affects.

A newspaper serves its readers for a cycle of twenty-four hours. Its actual life, that is in the manufacture, is confined to eight working hours. In this time hundreds upon hundreds of items pass in review before editors and instant and accurate judgment must be made upon each item. To be sure, errors are made, many of them in fact, but when you stop to consider the vast number of words handled each day the errors sink into insignificance. The wonder is that more are not made. Given a definite occurrence, a tragedy of any kind, and no five men will tell the same story about it.

Mayor Lew Shank of Indianapolis has announced that a sanity test will be given all persons arrested for speeding. The state law of Indiana provides that persons held for sanity test cannot be given bond. They must be held in jail until they are examined. By order of the mayor they are to be placed in padded cells which are now being used for the insane. This should work a reform and decrease the number of speed maniacs. The punishment should fit the crime.

"BRINGING UP FATHER"

Oscar D. Baker of Grand [illegible] county, is representative-elect in the [illegible] district, composed of [illegible] and [illegible] counties. Oscar D. Baker of Orange is the representative-elect in the Fifteenth district comprising Jefferson and Orange county.

Oscar D. is the father of Oscar D. Oscar D. will make his first vow as a legislator. Oscar D. has served a term as a member of the Thirty-seventh legislature. Oscar D. is a native of Alabama; Oscar D. was born at Beaumont in the year 1888. He is a World War veteran and a lawyer.

Oscar D. came to Texas [illegible] ago. In his youth he became a printer and a writer. He was in the city of Austin when Richard Coke wrested political control of Texas from the hands of Edmund J. Davis. Properly speaking Oscar D. is a writer for newspapers and magazines [illegible] the past he has been the owner and editor of [illegible] and two or three weekly newspapers.

Father and son are classified as democrats. Oscar D. was a [illegible] in the [illegible] war when John [illegible] boys who were in the employ of the cattle barons of the west [illegible] the government for a time and cut the wire fences in defiance of law and owners [illegible].

This isn't a case of bringing up father. Father made the [illegible] as a [illegible] two years in advance of the son, and this qualifies him to train the son in the way he should go as a legislative [illegible]. If Geo. McManus were in Texas he would find material for several side-splitting cartoons.

George isn't in Texas. [illegible] amassed a large fortune, he has purchased a castle in Ireland, he wears a cane and a wrist watch and freely admits to his old chum that it is a long way from Carrie Patch to his present high altitude.

Good Evening Folks!

The last argument of mediocrity consists in mocking a competitor.

It isn't that the pulpit knows less than it did in the old days. The pew knows more.

The first time Eve gave him a call-down, Adam probably referred to it as a rib roast.

Among other things that come to him who waits is the job of waiting on the go-getter.

"This Government will do nothing for the vets," says a [illegible]. [illegible] vets!

The alien is welcome if he will remember that the native born have certain seniority rights.

About all some girls know about a needle is that one has to change it after each record.

The common herd, of course, is composed of those people who make a little less money than you make.

[illegible] about being cultured is that [illegible] without being considered [illegible].

Anybody who has a book of etiquette telling [illegible] what to do when you spill the beans might [illegible] it to France.

There are two kinds of people: those who have tender feelings, and those who are not quite so selfish.

Correct this sentence: "I am so glad you smoke a pipe," said the lender, "it gives you such a nice manly taste."

Isn't there some elderly gentleman we can send over to scold France in the interest of a better understanding.

There are two things that will make you stop worrying about world problems: sound philosophy, and the tooth ache.

What we wish to know is how many hours the weather man has to labor to work out that observation, "Continued cold."

There is nothing a woman enjoys quite so much as telling the world how patiently she bears her burdens in silence.

At any rate, a bachelor never comes in and finds a woman occupying the chair where he likes to hang his hat and coat.

You don't feel so poor after going into a great department store and observing how many things there are you don't want.

C-O-M-M-E-N-T

Senator James Couzens of Michigan [illegible] point [illegible] with former Senator Truman Newberry [illegible] before the congress. He says [illegible] And there [illegible] Truman H. Newberry [illegible] as any man in America and his [illegible] as his private life. Now they are all [illegible] him.

[illegible] that a bill for the establishment of an A. and M. college for the west will be introduced by Representative R. M. Chitwood of Nolan county and Senator W. H. Bledsoe of Lubbock. For years [illegible] a West Texas agricultural college. It [illegible] name of the institution will be the West Texas State College and the bill will carry an appropriation of [illegible] million dollars. This for the purpose [illegible] for landscape engineering and for the [illegible] of construction. It will be coeducational. [illegible] State Teachers' association declared for a West Texas college, a land grant college without a dissenting vote.

Federal Judge James C. Wilson [illegible] since he was [illegible] to the bench in 1919. He resigned from congress to accept the [illegible] and Woodrow Wilson was responsible for his appointment. Judge Wilson is a native of [illegible] county. He was born on a farm. He fought [illegible] to the top. He became a congressman and a federal judge and now his admirers point to the record [illegible] he has made as judge as a vindication of his appointment. There are jurists who know the law.

[illegible] Lee Satterwhite has made the [illegible] announcement that no funds will be available for [illegible] appropriation for Texas public schools by the next legislature. A four million dollar appropriation for the schools has been asked. Hasn't the governor [illegible]? Hasn't he invited the lawmakers to [illegible] sources of revenue?

Senator LaFollette promises to introduce a bill to restore to the federal trade commission its former power to investigate conditions in the packing industry, and the [illegible] calling upon the secretary of agriculture for full information regarding the proposed Armour and Morris packer merger. Two years ago [illegible] that gross manipulations had [illegible] at the [illegible]. These profits must have been mistaken. LaFollette [illegible] in the saddle and the ablest of the senators [illegible] will return to private life on and after March 4, 1923. Their program was not full of holes on November election day.

President Harding has written a letter demanding the elimination of the Madden amendment to the shipping bill giving congress control over the extension of government aid to shipping companies. Congressman Madden is a republican; he is a reactionary; why should his amendment be distasteful to the administration?

ON OUR BRAIN FROM NOW ON



Still Waters
A Child's Wild Plea by Radio
By Zoe Beckley

After locking the door of his daughter's cabin, Barrett listened a moment, heard nothing within, and with [illegible] to see Myra [illegible] as he thought of Alice's attempt to [illegible] he climbed to the deck and scanned the rows of passengers in their chairs.

She was nowhere in sight. Systematically he searched in every possible place. No Myra. Her chair was there, her rug and book open in it, but no Myra. He was beginning to feel alarmed when he caught the blow of a scarf behind the windlass at the stern of the boat. He made his way between [illegible] and deck chairs to where Myra stood leaning on the rail staring out over the gray sea.

She turned, and in her face he saw the look of one who has [illegible] a struggle and arrived at calm decision.

"Myra! I've hunted for you everywhere!"

"Well, Jack—I've been everywhere!" A grim laugh edged her words. "And a last I've found—myself."

He leaned beside her on the rail, slipping his arm through hers. "You mean—?"

"How's your daughter?" said Myra, turning slowly and meeting his searching gaze with eyes that were misty with pain and wise with understanding.

"Why—she's all right. . . . Myra, I've got to talk to you. And I want to apologize—"

Her eyes grew still softer. She shook her head and with a little wistful smile, said: "No, you don't have to apologize, Jack. There is more important business in hand. I want to talk to you, my dear, and you must believe me when I say it is—final."

She ran her finger along the rail top to a [illegible], as though to illustrate her thought and keep her purpose steady.

"No—don't interrupt. I must have my talk out. I never had much doubt, Jack, about the situation. Now I am convinced beyond changing. Listen to me. I am wise, and I am right—dead right, old friend. You'll see it presently.

"You are tired; worn with too close partnership. Everything's gone stale—for the time. Well, we all grow tired and stale, and lucky we are if it's only for a time. If we can afford it, we take a holiday, and some [illegible]. You have waited [illegible] for years, and you're [illegible] in nerves. You need rest and perspective. You're too close to things to see them.

"After 19 years together, Jack, there are too many dearly rooted things to be able to pick right up and leave. It wouldn't work. You'd want to go back—and see the things grow—the things you'd wanted.

"If you were leaving for love of me, you wouldn't have waited till the other situation became miserable. If it really had been love, you wouldn't have forgotten all about me the instant your daughter and Alice's came into the picture. She came first—and rightly. You'll find that the other things are still rooted and waiting too. You need a vacation, that's all." Myra put out her hands and took his, smiling with sweetness and courage. "Yes," she said to the question that was on his lips, "I'm quite [illegible]. Write me—sometime—after you've had your rest—and know I'm right. Goodby."

(To Be Continued.)

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"YES, IT'S GOODBY."

"Missing Since Monday"—headline. You can't blame her, since Monday is wash day.

About this national beauty contest, those autumn days seem to be holding one.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Editor News:

Here is my opinion of the gas situation in Port Arthur:

How does the gas company of Port Arthur expect to make a reasonable [illegible] on their investment here [illegible] with just a handful of customers as compared with other cities the size of Port Arthur, where the consumers are from 50 per cent to 100 per cent greater than here?

Solution: Lower the rate to one half of what it is now and in the course of one year consumers and earnings will increase 100 per cent.

S. FLOWERS.

EATS
By BERTON BRALEY

When I go out at times to dine,
With a [illegible] appetite,
For [illegible]
[illegible]
Then cost, because a little time
It's more than that I do not care.
But when my stomach's working right,
Bring me a steak—and make it rare!

[illegible] will cause my eye to shine,
Souffles are pleasant to the sight,
Salads of intricate design
Will make my eyes extremely bright;
But when I'm really hungry, quite
As famished as the well-known bear,
I say unto the waiter, "Wight,
Bring me a steak—and make it rare!"

When I have fished with hook and line,
Or hunted deer, or [illegible] in flight,
[illegible] flesh or fowl—I like them fine
And eat them with a true delight.
[illegible] when I [illegible], despite
The fact that mine is costly fare,
I shout aloud with all my might,
"Bring me a steak—and make it rare!"

ENVOY

Were I to banquet day and night
On [illegible], I declare
I'd yell down from Olympus' height,
"Bring me a steak—and make it rare!"

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"Flat heart never won fair lady, but faint light has.

"I ca[illegible] back," says Jess Willard. It will be a long trip.

YOU AND I

COUE

Emile Coue will arrive in our country Jan. 10 for a visit of two weeks. He will make speeches in New York, Washington and Cleveland. Coue is the French autosuggestionist who preaches that many who "enjoy poor health" can cure themselves by repeating his formula, "Every day, in every way, I get better and better."

Europe's favorite indoor sport is "panning the bar" out of us. But as soon as a European gets a good "act" he buys a ticket for America. The U. S. A. seems to be an international magnet. Be glad you're here.

FAILED

Maybe you had hard luck during November. But you can be glad you weren't among the men who went into bankruptcy or receiver's hand. Commercial failures in November, the country over, totaled 1758. That was more than in any November ever, except the year when the Grim Reaper removed the heads of 1970 businesses.

The weeding-out process is still continuing on a big scale. It's all for the best, or it wouldn't happen. Providence never makes mistakes on a big scale. Too many in business.

PRICES

Wholesale prices in November advanced nearly two per cent. That's the average. Meat dropped one per cent, metals three.

Meanwhile housewives noticed that the weekly allowance shrank, in purchasing power, more than two per cent. The nation again is headed toward the point where prices will be prohibitive—so high that people will be unable to buy. Unless this trend is checked, another business slump is inevitable. The goose has only so many feathers to be plucked.

STYLES

American women wear more than 1,000,000 different styles of shoes. This is reported by William A. Durgin, government official who keeps track of such things.

In other words, not more than 25 women will buy any particular style of footgear. Common sense suggests that Durgin's estimate is an excessive one. However, it reveals a tendency that actually exists.

Since it's so difficult to standardize [illegible] on shoes, no wonder the people do not agree on national problems.

WASTED

Henry J. Fleischauer, Philadelphia business man, uses his pencil during an idle evening and learns that he has ridden a million miles, commuting between his place of business and his distant suburban home.

Ever strike you, what a terrific amount of time city people waste, getting to and from work? Strap-hanging is the last word in waste. Rapid transit is an excellent investment for any city. Fleischauer's commuting is hardly a waste of time, for he travels by auto, getting fresh, invigorating air. This is time wisely invested, in health.

WRANGLING

Mussolini shows the ear-marks of being a genuine "diplomat." He has plenty to keep him busy every minute at home. But off he goes on a tangent, and decides that his government will seek the transfer of Ticino, a Swiss canton, to "Greater Italy."

Land-grabbing still is the core of European troubles. And it will be, until there's a United States of Europe. That can hardly come until Europe has a common language. Esperanto? It's gaining. Even in Japan 23 colleges teach Esperanto.

These days they promise to love, honor and obey their impulses.

Dempsey may fight Joe Beckett in London, if enough British care to see a joke.

MARINE AND SHIPPING NOTES

ARRIVED DECEMBER 12

Vessel, flag, tonnage, agent:

Bryssel (Danish), 826, to Hall Shipping Co., from Galveston.

Trinidadian, 1,765, to Gulf Refining Co., from Philadelphia.

SAILED DECEMBER 12

Lightburne, 5,154, for north of Hatteras with oil. The Texas Co.

Gulfstream, 3,202, for Gretna with oil. Gulf Refining Co.

IN PORT ARTHUR DECEMBER 12

Trinidadian, 1,765, Gulf Refining Co.

George Peirce, 3,170, Sgitcovich Co.

Texas, 5,045. The Texas Co.

Dordogne (French collier), 5,054.

Schooner Albert Meyer, Kirby Lumber Co.

Schooner Stinson, 609. The Texas Co.

At Beaumont

China Arrow, 5,228. Magnolia Petroleum Co.

Bryssel (Danish), 826. Hall Shipping Co.

At Port Neches

Edgefield, 5,511. Sgitcovich Co.

At Orange

Adra (British), 2,086. John E. Jones Co.

Antinous, 3,627. Lykes Bros.

Schooner Roseway, 244. Lutcher-Moore.

MARITIME MISCELLANY

The Vacuum Oil company tank steamer Vacuum after delivering a cargo of Mexican crude to the Gulf Refining company sailed Monday for Tampico in ballast to again load Mexican oil.

The British steamer Jersey City after taking 1,000 tons of asphalt at Port Neches and 135,000 cases of oil at the Texas Company dock at Port Arthur for Australia and New Zealand points went to sea Monday.

The Gulf Refining company dispatched three cargoes of refinery products Monday, the vessels having been the Gulfstream, going to Gretna; the Gulfprince, going to Bayonne; and the Gulftrade going to Westwego.

The French naval collier Dordogne arrived Monday from Brest and is loading fuel oil for French naval stations.

A strike of longshoremen at Vera Cruz has diverted discharge of vessels carrying freight for the interior to Tampico. Advices from Vera Cruz are to the effect that business at the waterfront is completely tied up.

The tank steamer W. W. Mills, which recently loaded a cargo of Mexia crude at the Humphreys oil dock in the Neches river for north Atlantic refining points, is en route to this point at this date, being due about Dec. 13. The vessel is the first one of the Humphreys-Pure Oil company fleet.

The American tank steamer W. M. Burton, recently loading oil out of this district for Philadelphia is due in this district again about Dec. 14.

SPEAKER PLANS MORE CHANGES FOR TEAM

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 12.—Tris Speaker, manager of the Cleveland American league team, has arrived in Cleveland following a hunting trip in the west. Speaker will remain here for several days and then go to Chicago, where he will attend the annual meeting of the American league.

Speaker intimated that still further changes may be made in the personnel of the club before the winter season ends.

Beaumont Man Held Up and Robbed by Two Negro Gunmen

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 12.—Held up at the point of a gun by two negroes and robbed of $16, while walking through the business district here about 6:30 Monday evening, J. R. McCallon, employe of a local furniture store, furnished the police with a description of his assailants which led to their detection later in the evening on an outbound street car.

The negroes escaped, however, when the policeman started to board the street car and arrest them.

COUNTY COMMIEEION ASKED TO SHED LIGHT

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 12.—Inquiring why the county commissioners failed to call in the county advisory committee during the recent letting of road building contracts, H. M. Hargrove, general chairman of the advisory committee, appointed by the commissioners to confer with them and advise regarding county projects, has addressed a letter to the county commissioners, it became known here today.

HOUSEBOAT ROBBERY REPORTED TO POLICE

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 12.—Two electric fans, a revolver and numerous other articles with a total value of $125, were stolen from his houseboat Monday night, E. E. Eastham reported to police here today. The robbery is the second recently, Eastham said.

CARS CRASH; 6 HURT

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 12.—Six persons were injured in an automobile crash here today when a heavy touring car hit a smaller car.

LARGE DEFICIT IS FASCISTI WORRY

Effort in Italy Draws Interest of Europe

By J. W. T. MASON

The program of the Fascisti government in Italy is being watched with the closest attention throughout Europe because of its possible solution of Europe's financial problems.

Premier Mussolini is facing a situation of the gravest danger, for Italy is now buying only enough food to support its population five days in the week. Mussolini must discover how to make Italy self-supporting the other two days. This, in effect, is the basic problem for all Europe.

Mussolini cannot turn to emigration for his solution. The United States is no longer open to Italian settlers in unlimited numbers and South America is not as attractive as it once was. Instead of depopulating Italy, the Mussolini government will have to set more Italians to work at home and make Italian enterprises more remunerative.

Mussolini believes he will have to combat socialistic principles to accomplish this purpose. Under socialistic pressure, many enterprises in Italy are being operated by the government, at a heavy loss, which is carried by the taxpayers.

Mussolini demands that the railways, telephone and other government monopolies be turned back to private ownership. He would keep in the hands of the government only the profitable tobacco, salt and lottery monopolies.

Railroads Have Deficit.

The Italian railways alone are piling up a government deficit of seventy-five million dollars yearly, and of their 150,000 employes, about fifty thousand are said to be superfluous, and to owe their position to political jobbery. The government telephone service is losing twenty-five million dollars yearly. Further losses, not so large individually, but making an enormous aggregate are occurring in other government departments.

To the charge that the Mussolini government is seeking to turn Italy over to the capitalists, the answer is returned that the capitalists will suffer, too, if the full Mussolini program is adopted. Most of the Italian government bonds are in the hands of the wealthy classes. Mussolini wants to reduce the interest on these bonds, by arbitrary fiat, to three and one-half per cent. This would mean a saving of fifty million dollars annually.

The capitalists might favor the proposal, but they would try to influence the government, at the same time, to put through a law applying the income tax to the working classes, who are now exempt.

Deficit in Budget.

Italy's next budget faces a deficit of three hundred and fifty million dollars. Much of this would be covered by the financial reforms thus advocated by Mussolini. There would still be a considerable adverse balance, however. It is the desire of the Fascisti to make the account even, by finding productive work for the large numbers of Italians, such as the railway employes, who are not needed in their present positions. In this way, tax receipts would be increased, and Italy would solve her post-war problems.

How to redistribute labor, so as to increase efficiency in Italy has not been worked out by the Fascisti in detail. It is declared by Italian economists, however, that the matter is essentially one of detail, and can be solved. This is the issue on which Mussolini will stand or fall.

Italy may develop new markets in Asia Minor, or there may be a resumption of trade relations with Russia which would have admirable results. These are only two possible ways out. Mussolini is confident if they don't succeed, there will be others.

Rev Oeschger Is Elected President Of Pastor's Body

Election of officers by the Port Arthur Ministerial association at their meeting Monday morning was announced Tuesday morning. Rev. William Oeschger, the former vice president, is the new president. Rev. L. B. Franck is the vice president, and Rev. R. C. Goens, associate pastor of the Trinity Methodist church, is the secretary.

Furtherance of plans for the community Christmas tree, with the appointment of chairmen of the committees, was announced. The program will emphasize the Christmas idea, and apples and oranges will be distributed to the children attending.

The chairmen of committees will fill out the committees with laymen of their own selections. Committee chairmen are: Tree and decorations, Rev. W. I. Caughran; place, Rev. T. Alvis Davis; donations, Rev. J. W. Bost; program, Rev. William Oeschger.

SLEEPING SICKNESS CURE

HAMBURG, Dec. 12.—German medical science has developed a cure for sleeping sickness. The medicine, discovered in the Hamburg Institute for Ship and Troop Hygiene, is named Beyer 205 and is alleged also to be an effective remedy for children's fever and malaria.

HAVE NEW SON

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams, 200 Gillam Circle, announce the birth of a nine-pound son today at Gary Gates hospital.

SHIP ABANDONED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Her crew forced to seek safety aboard the steamer Cotton Plant, the British freighter Orteric today was abandoned some 75 miles north of San Francisco.

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